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Rep. Zepnick: Transportation Funding too Important to Wait

Milwaukee – State Representative Josh Zepnick today called on Governor Walker and legislative leaders to come together to come up with a real solution to Wisconsin's Transportation funding troubles, especially the high level of debt to future taxpayers.

Zepnick has previously introduced a plan that allows cities or counties to tax gasoline at the pump with Wisconsin's sales tax, and all revenue be placed in a local infrastructure fund. Under this plan, a city or county with a majority vote approved by their governing authorities **could implement up to the 5% state sales tax on the gas pump all locally controlled**. For Milwaukee County, this could yield between \$10 and \$50 million annually for Transportation projects.

“With so many road projects being delayed due to lack of a real funding solution, I reiterate the need to pass my plan which will give Wisconsin communities the ability to maintain our roads, bridges, transit and local infrastructure. Wisconsin communities need more flexibility in transit and fixing their roads.

“Unfortunately, Republicans in Madison aren't interested in making decisions. Wisconsin deserves answers, and solutions.”

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